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SUBJECT: IEP: VAN LENNEP'S CONTACTS WITH NON-ECG
COUNTRIES

1. VAN LENNEP YESTERDAY CONVENED HEADS OF OECD DELEGATIONS OF ECG COUNTRIES TO REPORT ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS OF NON-ECG COUNTRIES RE OECD COUNCIL DECISION ON IEP.

2. HE REPORTED THAT NONE OF THE OECD AMBASSADORS OF NON-ECG COUNTRIES RAISED ANY POSSIBILITY OF AN OBJECTION TO THE OECD COUNCIL DECISION ESTABLISHING THE IEA.

3. HE SAID THE AMBASSADORS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT SHOWN AN INTEREST IN JOINING THE IEA HAD ALL RAISED WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF CONTINUING COOPERATION IN THE OECD-WIDE FRAMEWORK ON ENERGY PROBLEMS. VAN LENNEP SAID THAT HE EXPLAINED TO THESE AMBASSADORS HOW THE DRAFT
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CONCIL DECISION DELT WITH THIS ISSUE TO SOME EXTENT, AND THAT "CERTAIN AMBIGUITIES" WITH RESPECT TO THIS

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QUESTION WOULD BE CLEARED UP BY A DECLARATION OF THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES, WHICH WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WITH AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE COUNCIL OF THIS DECLARATION. VAN LENNEP REPORTED THAT THESE NON-IEA COUNTRIES EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SEEING THE DECLARATION OF THE IEA COUNTRIES IN ADVANCE, AS WELL AS THE DRAFT COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE IEA COUNTRIES DECLARATION.

4. VAN LENNEP SAID DAVIGNON'S DRAFT OF THE C DECLARATION WAS BEING SENT TO HIM AND HE EXPECTED TO SEE IT THAT AFTERNOON.

5. VAN LENNEP REPORTED, ON THE BASIS OF A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR VALERY, THAT THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING INTRODUCING A "RESOLUTION" ON CONTINUING COOPERATION IN OECD AND UNSPECIFIED "OTHER MATTERS", APPARENTLY INCLUDING THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL. VAN LENNEP REPORTED THAT HE TOLD VALERY THAT HE HOPED THAT HE WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE ANY FRENCH DRAFT BEFORE IT IS FORMALLY SUBMITTED. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED THE VIEW TO VALERY THAT THE PROBLEM RAISED BY THE FRENCH COULD PROBABLY BE DEALT WITH BY THE DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY THE IEA COUNTRIES. VALERY, ACCORDING TO VAN LENNEP, DOES NOT OBJECT TO THIS POSSIBLE SOLUTION BUT THIS MATTER IS STILL OPEN. (WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTION BEING WORKED ON BY JEAN RENE BERNARD WHO WILL TRANSMIT TO FRENCH DELEGATION EARLY NEXT WEEK.)

6. SOME COUNTRIES, WHICH HAD NOT HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ECG BUT WERE NEVERTHELESS STILL CONSIDERING JOINING IEA, HAD COMPLAINED TO HIM ABOUT THE LACK OF TIME TO REACH A DECISION AND THE SHORT TIME CAPITALS HAVE HAD TO CONSIDER A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE. HE SAID THESE GOVERN-MENTS (HE MENTIONED ONLY GREECE AND TURKEY) WERE CONCERNED THAT IT WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY TO JOIN IEA UP UNTIL THE MOMENT OF ITS CREATION AND THAT LATER ON MORE SEVERE CRITERIA WOULD BE APPLIED. VAN LENNEP
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URGED ALL ECG HEADS OF DEL TO BE QUITE CLEAR IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GREEKS AND TURKS THAT CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE NO MORE SEVERE AFTER IEA CREATION THAN BEFORE. OTHERWISE, HE SAID THESE GOVERNMENTS WOULD DEMAND A POSTPONEMENT OF COUNCIL ACTION.

7. FINALLY, HE SAID NONE OF THE AMBASSADORS OF NON-ECG COUNTRIES COULD TELL WITH ANY MORE PRECISION THAN BEFORE WHAT THE ATTITUDES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE

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ABOUT JOINING OR NOT. EACH OF THE AMBASSADORS OF THE "SIX" TOLD HIM THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE STILL INTERESTED IN JOINING BUT HE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE DEGREE OF INTEREST VARIED. VAN LENNEP SAID HE WAS SURPRISED THAT THE FINNISH AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AS MORE THAN MERE SYMPATHETIC DISINTEREST. THE FINNISH AMBASSADOR IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT IS DEFINITELY

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INTERESTED IN IEA, IN VIEW OF THE CHANGING FINNISH POSITION WITH RESPECT TO DEPENDENCY ON SOVIET CRUDE OIL. HE SAID THE AMBASSADOR OF ICELAND ALSO SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS MORE INTERESTED IN IEA THAN HE HAD THOUGHT POSSIBLE EARLIER.

8. VAN LENNEP REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR VALERY HAD SAID

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THE FRENCH WOULD NOT JOIN IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE BUT WOULD NOT PUT OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF IEA, EITHER IN OECD OR IN THE EC. HOWEVER, VAN LENNEP SAID, IT IS CLEARLY FRENCH INTENTION TO MAINTAIN AN INTENSIFIED COOPERATION IN THE OECD IN THE EXISTING COMMITTEES, ALTHOUGH COOPERATION WITHIN THE NEW AGENCY "IN A LIMITED AREA" MIGHT GO WELL BEYOND THE COOPERATION IN THE OECD FRAMEWORK.

9. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, VAN LENNEP SAID THAT HE
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MIGHT CONVENE THE SAME GROUP OF HEADS OF OECD DEL OF ECG COUNTRIES IN THE EVENT THE DAVIGNON DRAFT DECLARATION WAS INSUFFICIENT, OR IN THE EVENT WORD IS RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH.

10. COMMENT: THE TWO REMAINING POSSIBLE OBSTACLES TO SMOOTH COUNCIL ACTION ARE THE PROBLEM OF GREECE AND Y TURKEY - AND THE FRENCH (AS WELL AS SECRETARY GERERAL) PROBLEM ON CONTINUING COOPERATION IN OECD. (SEE SEPARATE CABLES, ON BOTH THESE ISSUES).
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